

CODE OF ORDINANCES
Town of
SOUTH WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
ARTICLE II. PEDDLERS*

Sec. 18-31. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Peddler means any person traveling by foot, wagon, automotive vehicle, or any other type of conveyance, from place to place, from house to house, or from street to street, carrying, conveying or transporting goods, wares, merchandise, vegetables, fruits or farm products; offering and exposing the same for sale; or making sales and delivering articles to purchasers or who takes or attempts to take orders of the same for future delivery, except for persons who do not require full payment at the time of solicitation, or who without traveling from place to place, shall sell or offer the same for sale from a wagon, automotive vehicle, or other vehicle or conveyance.

Sec. 18-32. Permit.

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of a peddler within the corporate limits of the town without first obtaining a permit therefore as provided herein, and without also obtaining a seller's permit under C.G.S. § 12-409.

Connecticut State Statute 21-37 authorizes the Town to make reasonable ordinances with reference to the vending or hawking or merchandise or other goods within the Town including the peddling of such articles from house to house.

South Windsor Town Ordinance 18-31 through 18-39 regulates the issuance of a Peddler's permit in South Windsor. The requirements are as follows.

Fee: Initial Application \$25.00 (Twenty-five Dollars) payable to "Town of South Windsor". Renewal \$ 2.00 (Two Dollars)

NO Fee shall be charged to a federally recognized tax-exempt organization or to a person who is a veteran as defined by statute.

Permit to Individual: The permit is issued to an individual, not a company. Therefore, each person who is going to engage in the peddling must obtain a permit under this section.

State Tax Permit Needed: The person or company must possess a Sales and Use Permit under Connecticut General Statute 12-409. A copy of this permit must be submitted along with the application.

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Duration: A permit is valid for 1 year.

Examples

1. A student is going door to door only taking orders for products. NO permit is necessary because full payment is not required at the time of order. If full payment is required, then the person is a peddler and a permit is required;
2. A person going door to door soliciting funds for a charitable cause or political action group is NOT a peddler and no permit is required;
3. A person with a hot dog cart gets permission to park on someone's roadside property and parks there to sell hot

dogs everyday. That person is NOT a peddler and does not require a peddler permit. They are on private property and are not going from place to place. (NOTE: Zoning Commission clearance and Health Inspections may be required for such activity.)

Peddler Permit Checklist

- ◇ Completed Application
- ◇ Photograph
- ◇ State Tax Permit (Sales & Use)
- ◇ Health Inspection (Food Sales)

If you are selling food, a vehicle inspection may be required. Contact the Town Sanitarian at 860-337-6161.

For a State of Connecticut Sales and Use (Tax) Permit contact the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services at 1-800-382-9463 or on the web at www.ct.gov/drs.

A Peddler Permit is valid for the person named on the permit ONLY. Others may NOT sell under the permit. Each person must obtain their own permit.

After your application is submitted, police will conduct a brief inquiry into your background and credentials to ensure you are a "suitable" person for carrying on the business of peddling or hawking in South Windsor.

The Chief of Police is the approving authority for the Peddler Permit. An application may be denied if the applicant's character or business responsibility is found to be unsatisfactory. Questions can be directed to the Chief of Police at 860-644-2551.